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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR FR FT

SUBJECT: FRENCH-US CONSULTATIONS ON FTAI

REF: (A) PARIS 34477, (B) STATE 281162

SUMMARY: FRENCH ARE RECEPTIVE TO CONSULTATIONS WITH  
US ON FTAI BUT BELIEVE EARLY DECEMBER TOO SOON.  
END SUMMARY.

1. ON NOV 20 DURING CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER  
DE GUIRINGAUD BY SENATOR JAVITS, DCM BRIEFLY RAISED  
QUESTION OF APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS ON  
FTAI WITH FOREIGN MINISTER. LATTER EXPRESSED INTEREST  
AND OWN INTENTION TO DISCUSS FTAI WITH SECRETARY.

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2. ON NOV 22, WE WENT OVER POINTS IN REF B WITH QUAI

DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA GUY GEORGY WHO WELCOMED US OFFER OF CONSULTATIONS. COMMENTING THAT WE WERE ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE FRENCH, HE SAID THAT A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN, APPARENTLY AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL, TO OPEN TALKS ON THE FTAI WITH US. GEORGY NOTED THAT THE FRENCH WANTED TO PUT ALL THEIR DUCKS IN A ROW BEFORE APPROACHING US, INTIMATED THAT EARLY DECEMBER MIGHT BE A BIT EARLY, BUT PROMISED TO APPROACH THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS THE GOF HAS DECIDED HOW IT WISHES TO HANDLE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. SUBSEQUENT TO FOREGOING CONVERSATION, DCM BROACHED SUBJECT WITH POLITICAL DIRECTOR DELABOULAYE AT OFFICIAL LUNCHEON FOR SENATOR JAVITS. DELABOULAYE SAID HE WAS AWARE OF OUR DEMARCHE, AND THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DEGUINGAUD WOULD BE DISCUSSING IT WITH THE SECRETARY DURING NATO MINISTERIAL. IN VIEW OF DELABOULAYE'S COMMENT, IT SEEMS FAIRLY CLEAR THAT WE ARE NOT LIKELY TO HEAR FROM GOF ON THIS SUBJECT UNTIL AFTER THE NATO MINISTERIAL. THIS WILL ALSO GIVE FRENCH THE TIME NECESSARY TO REVIEW RESULTS OF STIRN MISSION, AS WELL AS TO COORDINATE THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAVE A PIECE OF THE FTAI ACTION.

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